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## THE FALL GUY MADE A HIT

Exceeded the Expectations  
of the Most Sanguine  
Promoter.

MUSIC WAS GOOD

Monday Night the House Was Packed  
and Tuesday Night a Fair Size  
Crowd Attended.

It is a noticeable fact, when a local production is made, the public fills the theatre, anticipating a performance bad enough to be good and accepts in a matter of fact sort of way the efforts of those taking part, and if they manage to get through without being carried from the stage on a stretcher they are applauded with the same enthusiasm as had they been really good.

History was expected to repeat itself Monday when "The Fall Guy" was presented by local talent. But ten minutes after the curtain arose on the first act, it was quite evident that the audience was to be surprised and agreeably surprised.

They sat up in their seats and began to take notice. It gradually dawned on those unprepared that they were actually witnessing a production that for careful detail and excellent stage deportment, few companies visiting Lexington had equaled.

The first act representing the "Breevort Cafe" New York, was the most attractive setting made in this city in many seasons, and the audience seemed fully to appreciate the care and expense entailed in carrying out this elaborate idea. Supper was just over and the automobile party, discovered at the rise of the curtain, presented a picture long to be remembered by those who witnessed this fascinating and delightful scene.

Beautiful girls, handsomely gowned, accompanied by a party of gentlemen, who wore their clothes well and looked the part of the New York 400, occupied the center of the picture, with a background of rich color and startling effects. The scene was applauded to the echo and from that time on the play moved along with a rapidity and interest seldom created by actors, locally or professionally in Lexington.

The comedy was bright, the local jokes crisp and to the point, never lacking the proper element to make them amusing. The music is swingy and of the whistling kind and it is difficult to say which number from a musical standpoint was the most pleasing.

The following criticism of the dramatic editor of this paper was very kindly furnished by Sam Williams, the gifted editor of the Daily Advertiser:

O. R. Sellers, who played the title role, was most admirably cast for the part. As Adolphus Dobkins, "The Fall Guy," he was a screaming success, his grotesque make up and droll comedy work creating spontaneous laughter and merriment every time he appeared before the footlights. In figure and stage appearance Mr. Sellers strongly resembles DeWolf Hopper as that comedian appears in "Happy Land" and his work was far above that of the average amateur comedian and much better than some "professionals" we have seen on the stage of the New Grand. Mr. Sellers' comedy work was a revelation to his friends and he was given the glad hand of approval throughout the performance. To paraphrase one of "The Fall Guy's" favorite expressions last night we will say: "You're there, 'Brick'; you're there."

Miss Atkinson will for many days be known as "Peggy" to her many friends, for the name suggests all Miss Atkinson made of the part. In her dramatically intense scenes, bringing out the heart interest, she was excellent. Her serious scenes with Mr. Price and Miss Winn elicited great applause. She was pretty, fascinating, delightfully simple and sang her numbers with the ease of a grand opera star.

"Polly," a charming character, played by Miss Winn was simply and easily played. She made her entrances, read her lines and made her exits with the confidence of an old professional, and a clever or more charming girl never played a similar part in Lexington. The "Polly" song with a chorus of 10 was one of the hits of the play. The laugh-

ually created by such characterization done by local talent was conspicuously absent and her sober and stronger scenes were played with such feeling and real dramatic ability that the audience was held spell-bound.

Once more Miss Lesale Bates gave evidence of her rare talents in character work and as the Princess she was, in the language of the urchin "a scream." Her make-up was splendid and she played the part with much expression. She was the comedy hit of the second act. As Marie Loftis in the first act she proved her versatility by adding interest to a part, allowing of little opportunity.

As Kid Corbett, Ed Price shared the honors with Mr. Sellers and it is difficult to imagine the part being played better. Ed looked the part, wore his clothes well, spoke his lines with ease and confidence and many of his scenes were heartily applauded. No one suspected Ed, but it is now an assured fact that he has heretofore missed his calling.

John Price, as Marsh, the broker, had a splendid conception of the part and played it though without giving evidence of being other than an experienced actor.

Firman White played Fred Strong, a rather difficult role, and acquitted himself with honors. He sang a duet with Miss Atkinson and sang better than he has ever before done in public.

Fluffy Rifles, the "up to date waitress" was well done by Miss Mary Hoge. She stood out prominently one of the features of the show, for like "Clippers" played by Mr. Westerman, she had but few opportunities to display her talents and like "Clippers" made the best of them and created a roar on each appearance.

Colonel Hazelton was admirably played by Guy Morrison and Walter Reeder looked the Chinaman to perfection.

A roar of laughter and applause greeted Dug Meng as "the Chef" and as usual Dug both looked and acted funny and assisted in adding local color to the first act. It is to be regretted the authors did not give the part more prominence. Several minor characters, as essential to the play, the story and the success were "Akers," "Broad," "Boyle" and "Thorn," played respectively by Messrs. Kerdolf, Bates, Payne and Cobb (did you notice Cobb's suit?) and Misses Brewster and Breckenridge played by the Misses Johnson. These were all well done and apparently not a line or piece of business was missed.

The musical hit of the first act was "Things we'd like to know," sung by Misses Atkinson and Winn, Messrs. Sellers and White, and so pleased was the audience it demanded 3 encores. "Down on the Isle of Pines" by Miss Atkinson and company was the sweetest singing number in the show.

"Down in Germantown" sung by Miss Vivian and danced by Misses Sallie and Elaine Campbell, Mary Hoge, Lola Frazer, Winifred Winn, Eugenia Ardlager, Mary Berrie and Arline Burden was the cutest and most delightfully odd number ever seen on the Lexington stage and took several encores.

Robt. McPherson sang "My Dear Old Mexico" and made a most favorable impression, and the dancing of Misses Matt and Sue Kinkead and Inez Shelby and Messrs. Kerdolf, Price and Kinkead was graceful and in the bright costumes made decidedly the prettiest number in the show.

"The Hot Tamale Ruler From No Where" by O. R. Sellers, Misses Steele, Johnson, Burden, Sallie and Elaine Campbell, Aull and Winn was much appreciated. The costumes were pretty, the girls looked charming and seemed to put more expression and life in this number than any other in the show. The uncles were most noticeable in this song and the girls looked prettier and more fascinating because of them.

The second performance of "The Fall Guy" Tuesday night was given to a rather small crowd on account of the inclement weather, but the audience was even more enthusiastic than the one on the opening night and the show went off equally as well.

### League Social

The Christian Endeavor League of the Christian Church gave a Valentine social Friday at the home of Mrs. Harriet Barron on South St. The feature of the evening was a heart-sticking contest. The guests further enjoyed themselves by playing old Valentine games. Fifty guests were present. Light refreshments were served.

### Hoffman-Blee.

Thursday morning at 6:30, Ernest W. Hoffman, Jr. and Miss Kathryn M. Blee were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Harry Blee, Father George B. Curry of the Catholic church officiating. The wedding was extremely simple.

The contemplated marriage of these two popular young people has been known for some time to their many friends and, although no formal announcement was made, scarcely any surprise was occasioned.

The groom is the son of Ernest W. Hoffman and was born and reared in Lexington. He is a young man of genial personality and exceptional business qualifications. He is a stockholder in the Lexington Brewing company and holds the office of secretary and treasurer. Industrious, capable and reliable, he has a high position in the esteem of the community.

The bride was also born, reared, and educated in this city. She is a beautiful young lady and charming in every way. She will undoubtedly make a most excellent wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman left Thursday morning for Kansas City. They will return in a short time and will immediately go to housekeeping.

### Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to:

Otto Sohsandt.....Wellington.  
Martha Borgmann.....Wellington.  
Florence H. Mulhaupt.....Wellington.  
Martha M. Wulff.....Napoleon.  
Harvey Lee Edwards.....Corder.  
Edna Earle Strader.....Alma.  
Ernest L. Porter.....Concordia.  
Mary E. Porter.....Concordia.  
Chas. Galpin.....Higginsville.  
Alice Thomas.....Higginsville.  
John A. Blucher.....Odessa.  
Lillian Procter.....Mayview.

### Misses Peak Entertain.

Misses May and Alice B. Peak entertained at progressive slinch Tuesday afternoon from two to six o'clock at their home on Main street in honor of Mrs. T. J. McElroy of Independence and Mrs. T. A. McLennan of Higginsville.

Mrs. W. F. Kerdolf won the first prize, an elegant cut glass nappie. An elaborate meat supper and other refreshments were served. The entertainment was marked in every way by charming cordiality and nothing was lacking to make the afternoon enjoyable in every respect.

Mrs. McLennan returned to Higginsville Tuesday evening.

### City Wins.

The Kansas City Court of Appeals Monday affirmed the decision made by the trial court in the case of the City of Lexington ex rel Menefee, respondent, vs. Commercial Bank, appellant, in favor of the city.

The case was in regard to the paving on Main street. The directors of the Commercial bank were dissatisfied with the paving and refused to pay their assessment, whereupon the city brought suit. A number of similar cases were being held up for the decision in this one.

### Republican Congressional Convention.

The Republican Congressional Convention at Sedalia Tuesday did nothing unexpected. It endorsed Taft and elected Patton of Green county and Menschke of Pettis county as delegates to the national convention.

No candidate for congress was endorsed. E. M. Taubman of this city could have received the endorsement, but he preferred to leave the matter to the primary.

### Valentine Party.

The Teddy Bear Club were the hosts at a most delightful Valentine Party at the home of William Aull on Main Street Saturday night. The decorations were artistically arranged. Teddy Bears were hung everywhere about the room and long strings of hearts were stretched overhead. Nineteen guests were present. Refreshments were served.

Lilbourn Cole came down from Kansas City Thursday evening for a short visit with his parents.

G. C. Marquis went to Booneville Wednesday evening to attend a meeting of the County Assessors of Missouri.

### Recital Date Announced.

The date of the organ recital at the Christian church by Hans C. Fell and Miss Mattie Lou Catron of Kansas City has been definitely set for Friday, February 28. Tickets will probably be placed on sale Monday.

John Horlacher, an organ builder from George Kilgen & Son, has been working on the installation since Wednesday and the instrument is rapidly assuming form.

It is already evident that the organ when finished will present a most beautiful appearance. It will be placed in an arch in the east half of the south wall and it is finished so that it harmonizes perfectly with the decorations of the auditorium. Beginning the first of next month it will be used at all church services.

### Uncle Josh Perkins.

The company which presented "Uncle Josh Perkins" at the New Grand Opera House in this city Thursday was, as a whole, a very capable one for that class of a play. Although the program said that there were eleven members in the company, it really consisted of only six, but, nevertheless, the play was an exceptionally good one in its class.

While the melodramatic situations were frequent, an unusual amount of comedy was introduced during the action of the play. Bart Hodgkins, in the title role, was admirably made up for the part and played it well. William Millekin was a general fun-maker in both his parts of Bud Ryan, tough, and Hiram Green, a farm hand. The laughter and applause was continuous from the time Hiram came upon the stage. He was by far the best member of the cast. Little Miss Utaoline Hodgkins made the hit of the evening in her part of Rags, the little orphan. Katharine Cameron made a favorable impression in her reading of the part of Edith Marston, an heiress. The company carried its own band and orchestra.

The show was attended by a very small but appreciative crowd.

### Lexington College Reception.

The reception given by the young ladies of Lexington College Thursday evening proved to be a highly enjoyable affair in every particular and was largely attended by the young men from town and the academy.

The entire lower floor in the main part of the building was tastefully decorated and the electric lights were dimmed by coverings of red paper. It was a George Washington party and the decorations and souvenirs were appropriate.

Refreshments consisted of salad, sandwiches, pickles, Saratoga chips, beaten biscuits, coffee and mints. Smith's orchestra furnished music.

### Methodist Social.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church held its social in the rooms of J. O. Coffin Friday night. A business meeting of the league was held before the social. The affair was a most enjoyable one to all of the sixty guests present. The Valentine idea was carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of brick cream and cake. Each brick of cream contained a heart and all the cakes were cut heart shape.

### Mrs. F. O. Rogers Dead.

A telegram was received Thursday announcing the death of Mrs. F. O. Rogers at her home at Fifth and Dutton streets, Waco Texas. Death occurred Thursday morning at 5:30 and was the result of pneumonia.

Mrs. Rogers had visited in Lexington frequently and had many acquaintances here. She leaves three children—Robt. Rogers of Waco, Mrs. Jno. King of Little Rock, Arkansas and Mrs. S. Sellers of this city. All the children were present at the time of death.

### INDIANS 32; W. M. A. 27

In the Second Half the Faculty Outplayed Haskell.

To the surprise of the spectators, the game of basketball at the academy Saturday was by no means a walk away for the Haskell Indians. The redskins were not a disappointment, but the Wentworth players put up hottest article that has been seen on the local court for some time.

In the first half, the first cadet team worked against the Indians, and the visitors by brilliant and fast

team work ran up a score of 25 to 10 by the end of the half.

In the second session the Wentworth faculty went in and the roughest and fastest playing ever seen here resulted. The Indians, main strength is fierce play, but the teachers out-roughed them, so that their superior team work availed nothing. The visitors made only one basket during this half, the score being 17 to 7. The final score was 32 to 27 in favor of the Indians.

The Wentworth line up in the first half was: Sellers and Welsh, forwards; Hoge, Center; Hurley and Randolph, guards. Roberts substituted for Sellers. In the second half the faculty lined up: Aller and Curnutt, forwards; Anderson, center; Tillman and Church, guards.

The Indians' lineup through the game was: Means and Gillenwater, forwards; Connel, center; Dupuis and Barrel, guards.

### Will Locate Here.

Dr. Claude Johnson has decided to locate in Lexington and will soon open a dental office in the rooms over the Post office, now occupied by Dr. Gallemore. Dr. Gallemore will move his office to the Owl drug store.

Dr. Johnson has been practicing since last summer in Kansas City with success. His friends are delighted to know that he has decided to return to his home town, where he is very popular. He is a graduate of the dental department of Washington University of St. Louis and has a thoroughly up-to-date and complete office equipment. In all probability he will enter immediately upon an extensive practice.

### Wentworth-Kemper Game Monday.

The basketball team of Wentworth and Kemper will meet for the second time this season Monday evening on the Wentworth court. The two fives appear to be very evenly matched. Three weeks ago on their home court Kemper won by a score of 30 to 29, but the Wentworth players say the conditions were considerably against a visiting team and declare they will win Monday night.

B. C. Drummond spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Col. W. M. Hoge was in Kansas City Thursday on business.

Mrs. H. E. Silverstone spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

M. Ladson returned from Kansas City Thursday morning.

Eph Lewis and Mode Anson of Aulville were here Thursday.

E. M. Taubman went to Kansas City Thursday morning on business.

F. T. Wilson left Tuesday evening for a business trip to Chicago.

George B. Gordon went to Marshall Thursday morning for a short stay.

Misses Bertha and Annie Rostagno spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Rev. A. F. Smith returned Tuesday evening from a trip to St. Louis.

Gustav Haerle left Wednesday evening for a short business trip to St. Louis.

Miss Ethel Morris and brother, Cecil, spent Thursday in Kansas City.

L. E. Moore of Higginsville spent a short time in Lexington Thursday morning.

Lynn Buford of Kansas City arrived Tuesday evening for a visit of a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Frances Saunders went to Kansas City Tuesday for a short stay.

Sheriff Charles Kluehead went to Kansas City Tuesday evening on business.

O. W. Phillips, Martin Wright, Sam Gibbs and Jas. Buchanan of Odessa were here on court business Thursday.

Miss Ethel Mackie went to Wellington Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Rebecca Chapter of the Odd Fellows.

Moses Anson, Jr., Wm. Klapp, Chas. Vandiver, Chas. Keith, and Chas. Graham of Higginsville were here Thursday on court business.

Mrs. A. E. James, who has been in the St. Joseph hospital in Kansas City for the past few weeks, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. L. Glascock entertained Misses Lelia Young, Roda Young, Frances Young and Carrie Barnett at six o'clock dinner Wednesday.

J. Reid Ryland, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in this city, left Tuesday evening for his home in Montgomery, Ala.

## LARGE FIRE ON TENTH STREET

Old Utt Bros. Paint Shop  
Totally Destroyed Wednesday Morning.

## BURNED UP QUICKLY

The Fire Company Made A Quick Run,  
But Was Powerless to Save the  
Structure.

One of the biggest blazes which has been seen in Lexington for some time occurred early Wednesday morning when the old paint shop on Tenth street formerly owned by the Utt brothers burned to the ground.

The alarm was turned in at 2:15; but then the whole upper part of the structure was aflame. The fire company made a quick run but was unable to do anything except save the adjoining buildings—the old blacksmith shop now used as a store room by John Wilmot on the south side and McIntyre's hotel on the North.

The turpentine and other inflammable material with which the building had become saturated made the fire spread rapidly. In a very short time the entire edifice had burned to the ground.

The building was bought a short time ago by Thos. McIntyre and had been rented for various purposes. Lately it had been used as a skating rink for negroes.

It is said that there was \$1,200 insurance on the structure. The origin of the fire is unknown.

### Pretty Good Advice.

Like many other prominent actors, Mr. Eugene Moore, who is appearing in Edwin Milton Royle's play, "My Boy, Jack," receives some very funny letters, here is one, "My Dear Mr. Moore:—I saw you play Jack Paden in My Boy, Jack, and I liked you so well, I take the liberty of writing you for a little information in order to settle a dispute with my intended. In escorting a young lady to the theatre, is it proper to wear a cane?" Mr. Moore's reply was, "My Dear Sir:—If you have nothing else to wear, take my advice and stay at home," but we advise everybody to go to the Theatre and see "My Boy, Jack," if they have to borrow clothes, or even the price. He will be here at the New Grand Opera House, February 22.

L. B. Bullard spent Friday in Kansas City.

J. L. Trammell of Greenton was here Friday.

Mrs. C. T. Ryland spent Friday in Kansas City.

Mrs. G. W. Fredendall spent Friday in Kansas City.

C. C. Dyer went to Sedalia Friday morning on business.

Ben Steele went to Kansas City Thursday evening on business.

Mrs. J. Reid Ryland went to Kansas City yesterday for a few days' stay.

Gustav Haerle returned yesterday from a short business trip to St. Louis.

Misses Inez and Ida Belle Walker went to Higginsville yesterday to visit relatives.

Miss Laura Davis went to Kansas City Friday morning for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Schaefermeyer returned Thursday evening from a short trip to St. Louis.

Miss Wilmon Edwards went to Kansas City yesterday for a visit of a few days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. W. Hays and little daughter, Maxine, who have been visiting friends in this city for the past few weeks, left yesterday for Amarilla, Texas for a short stay.

Miss Mary Temple returned to her home in Joplin yesterday after a visit of several weeks with the family of Dr. N. B. Payne in this city. Miss Lucy Payne accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

Dr. J. E. Tucker left Thursday evening for Chicago, where he will enter college to take a post graduate course in the treatment of eye, ear and nose diseases, which will be his specialty in the future.